

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
August 9, 2016

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 PM by Craig Strong at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: James Michael Bowers, Alan Doster, Katie Garcia, Tom Randa, Jane Raybould, Tim Sieh (ex-officio), and Craig Strong. Bill Avery arrived at 5:06 PM. Michelle Petersen arrived at 5:20 PM.

Members Absent: Jackie Miller, Molly Burton (ex-officio), and Dave Derbin (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Beal, Charlotte Burke, Tim Timmons, Scott Holmes, Kathy Cook, Gwendy Meginnis, Kodi Bonesteel, Ralph Martin, Nancy Clark, Keerun Huppert and Elaine Walsh.

Introductions: Keerun Huppert, Tim Timmons, Renae Rief, Nancy Clark, Ralph Martin & Kodi Bonesteel.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Col. Strong asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Col. Strong asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the June 14, 2016 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead asked Ms. Bonesteel to provide a brief update on the Healthy Families America Program. She stated the program has a new marketing plan – Strengthening Families One Home Visit at a Time – Hand in Hand - and a new set of benchmarks. The program provides support, teaching and assistance to families to help them raise healthy and happy children. A full report will be provided to the Board of Health in October.

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the Department's budget request. The City Council held a public hearing on the Mayor's budget proposal on August 8, 2016

and will vote on the budget proposal on August 10, 2016. The final vote is scheduled for August 22, 2016. The Lancaster County Commissioners will formally adopt their budget on August 30, 2016. She stated the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Commissioners approved the Health Department's proposed fee increases that were included as part of the Department's budget request.

Ms. Halstead stated the Department and other City officials are beginning preparations for the permanent hazardous waste facility. Ms. Clark is the Health Department lead for the project. The City is currently seeking bids for the facility and has extended the bid process by one week.

The Community Health Services Division's "Don't Wait – Vaccinate" campaign is underway to encourage parents to have their children's vaccinations up to date before school starts. Staff added a Saturday morning clinic and extended hours on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to accommodate parents & children.

Ms. Halstead reported the County's General Assistance Program staff will be relocated to the Health Department beginning in October. The General Assistance Program is currently located in Trabert Hall.

Ms. Halstead stated the Department worked with the University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Public Health to arrange for a graduate level public health class to be held at the Health Department. The class begins on August 24th and nine Health Department employees are registered for the class.

Ms. Halstead attended a Medicaid Expansion meeting. The Nebraska Legislature plans to address the area of Medicaid Expansion in the upcoming legislative session. Senator John McCollister has agreed to advocate for the legislation. "Insure the Good Life" has been selected as the slogan for the campaign.

Col Strong thanked Ms. Halstead and the Department for all of their good work.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

A. Proposed Revision to Policy 202.30 – Salvaging, Recycling, Composting Operation Inspection, Complaint Investigation and Enforcement

Ms. Clark stated the policy is being revised to reflect current practices in permitting, inspection, complaint investigations and enforcement for salvage, recycling and composting operations. She stated the Department currently regulates three composting operations, 29 recycling operations and 15 salvage operations. All operations are inspected on an annual basis. Dr. Petersen asked how many enforcement actions are taken in a given year. Mr. Holmes responded it varies but maybe 1-2 per year.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the Board of Health approve the revisions to Policy 202.30 – Salvaging, Recycling, and Commercial Composting Operation Inspections, Complaint Investigations and Enforcement. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by an 8-0 roll call vote.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Nebraska MEDS Disposal Program Update

Ms. Rief provided an update on the Nebraska MEDS Disposal Program. She stated the Department's MEDS Disposal Program grant ended on June 30, 2016 and the Program will now be operated by the Nebraska Pharmacy Association and will be provided on a statewide basis. Nebraska is the first state to offer a medication disposal program on a statewide basis. Three hundred pharmacies in the state have agreed to participate in the program. Individuals are able to turn in their unused medications (controlled and non-controlled substances) at local pharmacies for disposal. Staff solicited and received positive feedback from local residents who utilized the program.

B. Wellness Program Update

Ms. Huppert provided an update on the City and County Wellness Program. Employees recently completed the Health Risk Appraisal. She reviewed the highlights for the Health Department, City Employees and County Employees. The completion rate for Health Department was 92% (highest among all departments). The completion rate for City employees was 55% (highest ever) and 30% for County employees. She reviewed the results including physical activity, stress levels at work during the past year, cholesterol rates, weight loss results, participation in City sponsored blood chemistry profiles, and flu shot clinics. The Health Risk Appraisal results are used to influence planning for wellness activities. Ms. Huppert meets with each department director and their wellness representative to review the results and tailor a specific wellness plan for each department.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – September 13, 2016 at 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Elaine Walsh
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President